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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 1909 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA ATHENS BONN BRUSSELS LONDON PARIS USNMR SHAPE BEL USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES IT NATO USUN NEW YORK DIA JUL 22.
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MAKARIOS COMMENTS ON VAROSHA

1. JULY 22 GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ARCHBISHOP'S COMMENTS ON VAROSHA AS GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM VISITING JOURNALISTS. PAPERS EMPHASIZED MAKARIOS' STATEMENTS THAT MATERIALIZATION OF THE TURKISH THREAT TO COLONIZE VAROSHA WOULD REMOVE ALL HOPE FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. THEY ALSO REPORTED HIS COMMENT THAT IF ANKARA REALIZES THREAT, THE CYPRUS GOVERNMNET WOULD TAKE THE ISSUE TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. ACTUAL TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS ISSUED BY PUBILC
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INFORMATION OFFICE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: Q. WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT BY THE TURKISH CARETAKER PRIME MINISTER, MR. ECEVIT, ABOUT COLONIZATION OF THE GREEK PART OF FAMAGUSTA?
A. MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT MR. ECEVIT, THE INVASION PRIME MINISTER, THOUGH APPEARING AS A SOCIALIST, IS VERY CHAUVINISTIC.

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I DO NOT WISH TO SAY WHETHER HE IS LESS BAD THAN OTHERTURKISH RULERS BUT, IN ANY CASE, I CONSIDER HIM AS AN EXTREMIST AND I HAVE MANY DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AS HE CLAIMED DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN. MR. ECEVIT HAS BEEN COVERING UP HIS PLANS, NOT TO SAY HIS CRIMES, AGAINST CYPRUS WITH SWEET TALK. IN ANY CASE HIS LATEST STATEMENT, WHICH IS A STATEMENT-THREAT, IF CARRIED OUT, WILL DASH ANY HOPE OF A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

1. IN THE EVENT OF ECEVIT'S THREAT ABOUT COLONIZATION OF FAMAGUSTA MATERIALIZING HOW DOES THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT INTEND TO REACT? WILL YOU ASK FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER?
A. ALTHOUGH BEFORE MR. ECEVIT'S DECISION MATERIALIZES HE MAY NOT BE THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY, IN ANY CASE, IF THIS THREAT IS CARRIED OUT OUR FIRST REACTION WILL BE AN IMMEDIATE RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. END QUOTE.
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